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VISIT TO US

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1. SUMMARY: DURING PRESS INTERVIEW ON EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR UNGA AND BILATERALS IN WASHINGTON, FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA DISCLOSED HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER REPORTING PROGRESS IN THE SECRETARY'S MISSION TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. SILVEIRA REVIEWED GENERAL AGENDA OF SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION IN OCTOBER 5-6 BILATERALS IN WASHINGTON. FONMIN ALSO DETAILED THEMES HE INTENDED TO EMPHASIZE AT UNGA, NOTING HE WOULD URGE US NOT TO VETO ADMISSION OF ANGOLA. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION RE A GEISEL VISIT TO US, SILVEIRA NOTED TIME WAS NOT APPROPRIATE ADDING US HAD NOT EXTENDED AN INVITATION. POINTS IN PRESS CONFERENCE ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW: END SUMMARY.

2. KISSINGER LETTER RE SOUTHERN AFRICA INITIATIVE. SILVEIRA
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REPORTED AS SAYING LETTER HE RECEIVED WAS RELATED TO ALL OF

SECRETARY'S CONVERSATIONS WITH SOUTHERN AFRICA CHIEFS OF STATE, PREVIEWED THE EXPECTED RESULTS, AND MANIFESTED THE HOPE THAT THE WEST WOULD REAP DIVIDENDS FROM EFFORT. PRESS VIEWED CORRESPONDENCE AS IN SPIRIT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AND SAID IT DEMONSTRATED THAT SECRETARY INTENDED TO KEEP FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED ABOUT THE MOST IMPORTANT USG DECISIONS. PRESS ALSO SAW LETTER AS EVIDENCE US WAS CONTINUING TO CONSIDER BRAZIL WORTHY OF "SPECIAL TREATMENT" IN LATIN AMERICA.

3. BILATERALS. RE SOUTH AFRICA, SILVEIRA NOTED THAT SUBJECT WOULD BE AMPLY DISCUSSED DURING OCTOBER BILATERAL IN WASHINGTON. HE ADDED THAT OCTOBER CONVERSATION WOULD SOLIDIFY PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED IN THE MOU AND DEMONSTRATE THAT, ABOVE ALL, THE FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES OF US AND GOB OVERLAPPED. BILATERALS WOULD ALSO REVIEW THE RELATIONSHIP, INCLUDING RESULTS OF RECENT SUBGROUP MEETINGS ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH, ALONG WITH COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS, WOULD BE ANALYZED AND STUDIED.

4. UNGA. SILVEIRA INDICATED HE WOULD ASK THE SECRETARY NOT TO VETO THE ADMISSION OF THE ANGOLA INTO THE UN. RE ANGOLA SILVEIRA ALLEGEDLY WILL NOT TREAT SUBJECT OF ANGOLAN UN MEMBERSHIP IN HIS FORMAL UN ADDRESS BECAUSE HE CONSIDERS TIME INOPPORTUNE. HE ADDED HE WOULD SPEAK EXTENSIVELY ON THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, ESPECIALLY THE CREATION OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. PRESS SAID HE WOULD ALSO TALK ABOUT DISARMAMENT, REITERATING THAT BRAZIL WOULD NOT SIGN NPT WHICH IT CONSIDERS UNJUST. RE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA, SILVEIRA SAID GOB WILL SUPPORT FORMATION OF A BLACK MAJORITY GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA, AND NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE,

5. GEISEL VISIT. ALLUDING TO US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, SILVEIRA SAID TIME WAS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR GEISEL VISIT TO THE US. HE ADDED THAT SUBJECT OF VISIT WAS NOT LIKELY TO COME UP IN BILATERALS. IN ESTADO DE SAO PAULO VERSION SILVEIRA IS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT USG HAD STILL NOT INVITED THE PRESIDENT.

6. BILATERALS AND US ELECTIONS. SILVEIRA DENIED THAT HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VISIT TO US HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH US ELECTIONS, AND SAID GOB WOULD NOT BE AN INSTRUMENT TO BE USED IN US ELECTION POLITICS. HE ADDED THAT HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS DEMONSTRATION OF BRAZILIAN SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT FORD.

7. COMMENT: SOME PRESS COMMENTARY HAS QUESTIONED VALUE OF SILVEIRA VISIT TO WASHINGTON AT THIS TIME ON GROUNDS THAT

SECRETARY KISSINGER IS A LAME DUCK AND THAT CLOSER
RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM NOW MAY FURTHER COMPLICATE RELATIONS
WITH NEXT ADMINISTRATION IF DEMOCRATS WIN. AS FOREGOING QUESTIONS
INDICATE, THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE
BRAZILIAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE US ELECTION CAMPAIGN.
IN CONTEXT OF CONTINUING LOCAL INTEREST IN US PRESIDEN-
TIAL ELECTION (REFTEL) WHICH WAS ALSO EXHIBITED BY PRESS
EFFORT TO LINK SILVEIRA PARTICIPATION IN BILATERALS TO
FORD CAMPAIGN, ESTADO SPECULATED SEPTEMBER 25 THAT CARTER
TEAM HAD FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERTS ROVING THROUGH LATIN
AMERICA, ADDING THAT TWO MIGHT PRESENTLY BE
IN NORTHEAST BRAZIL "STUDYING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
CONDITIONS." WE ARE TRYING THROUGH LOW-LEVEL INQUIRIES THROUGH
ITAMARATY PRESS CHANNELS TO VERIFY WHETHER THE FOREIGN MINISTER
ACTUALLY SAID, AS REPORTED IN THE INTERVIEW, THAT AN INVITATION
TO GEISEL TO VISIT THE US HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE. WE WILL REPORT
OUR FINDINGS.
JOHNSON

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